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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director/OCR

SUBJECT: OSI Collection Support Programming

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1. During the 1958 Fiscal Year, in addition to its normal collection support and guidance activities, the Office of Scientific Intelligence will make a deliberate effort to stimulate and support collection of information needed to fill critical gaps in scientific and technical intelligence. This supplementary effort will take the form of detailed substantive examination of individual subjects in order to define key information needs, followed by discussions of such needs with appropriate collectors and the establishment of specific schedules for OSI and collection component action.

2. For the most part, this activity will be directed toward problems of sufficient importance and continuity to warrant planning and implementing collection efforts over a period of time. Thus, we will be seeking both better utilization of existing capabilities and the development of new or additional capabilities where necessary.

3. Section A of the attached OSI "Fiscal Year 1958 Collection Support Program" lists those subject areas on which OSI divisions will concentrate specific collection support activity during the coming year. Section A of the companion quarterly program gives the specific steps to be taken by the end of September 1957.

4. The gaps listed in the fiscal year program represent programmed collection support activity by each OSI division, and are not a statement of requirements or of priority allocations. It is our intention, upon the completion of substantive background work on each area, to determine jointly with appropriate collector representatives a detailed schedule of necessary action including guidance, requirements, and substantive support.

5. We would welcome your comments on the attached program and any suggestions you might have for making significant progress in filling our critical gaps in scientific and technical intelligence.

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Attachments:

- (a) Fiscal Year 1958 Collection Support Program
- (b) Quarterly Collection Support Program

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